

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Have the Government bestowed their own independent thought on the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government accepted the opinion of the High Court.

Settlement Register of the Kallupara Pakuthi.

156. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to make arrangements to have the Settlement Register of the Kallupara *pakuthi* printed and a copy of the same kept in the taluk office, Tiruvalla, and in the Tiruvalla Munsiff's Court, as in the case of other *pakuthies*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Kallupara *pakuthi* is a partial freehold village of the Edapalli Chief. A Settlement Register for the Sirkar properties within the *pakuthi* was prepared at the time of the settlement and a printed copy is available in the taluk office and in the Tiruvalla Munsiff's Court. Settlement Registers of the absolute freehold villages of the Edapalli Chief, *viz.*, Tri-kunnapuzha, Edapalli North and Edapalli South and a register for the partially freehold properties of the Chief in Kallupara and Vazhakulam *pakuthies*, were not printed by the Government at the time of the settlement and the Chief was left to make his own arrangements in the matter. The Government cannot undertake the work or bear the cost.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do the Government know that the absence of such copies of these records in public offices is disadvantageous to the public who are interested in rectifying mistakes in the electoral rolls?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There may be some disadvantage. At the time of the settlement there was some correspondence with the Edapalli Chief and he was asked to pay in advance the cost that may be required for printing Settlement Registers. He declined to pay and said that the work must be done by Government and the cost recovered later on out of the dues payable to him from the Government. Government did not accept it and left the matter to the Chief.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): In the interests of the public, do not the Government think it necessary to print the records even at their own cost?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The tenants of the Chief should move the Chief in that matter.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do not the Government consider it their duty to see that their subjects do not suffer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already explained the position.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to reconsider the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief is not prepared to incur the cost. The Government are not prepared to incur it either.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do not the Government think that, in the circumstances, if the Chief is not prepared to bear the cost, it is only fair, between the Government and the subjects, that the Government bear the cost?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say anything more in the matter.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Will the Government reconsider the question?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter entirely for the Chief. All that the Government can do is to communicate to him all that has taken place here today and ask for his views.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do not the Government consider that the Chief is not at all interested in this matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief is interested. He gets revenue from the tenants.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do the Government accept the list of voters given by the Chief or is there any way by which the Government scrutinise it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Settlement Register of the Edapalli *pakuthi* is available to the taluk officers, so that with reference to those registers they can prepare the electoral rolls.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): But they are not printed.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is clearly stated in the answer.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): It means the Government are not prepared to meet the cost of printing.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Printing of the Register has to be done by the Chief. The Government can only bring the matter to the notice of the Chief. They cannot do anything more.

Fee Concession in Tiruvalla Taluk.

157. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the fee concession to students in the departmental schools in Tiruvalla taluk has been really granted to them this year; and if not, why the matter is delayed so long?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, the fee concessions due for the school year 1926-27 were awarded in Vrischikam 1102. The delay in the matter was due to the late decisions of the Taluk Committee concerned.

Personnel of the High Court Judges.

158. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any written or unwritten rule that there should always be a European Judge in the High Court;